

## Anders Larsen Hagen and Maren , Charter Members of West Norway Lake Lutheran Church.

Anders was born<sup>1</sup> 4 Feb 1839 in Brøttum, Ringsaker, Hedmark, Norway. The parents were Lars Christoffersen Lein and Anne Knudsdatter Almseie. Anders was the third of five children<sup>2</sup>. This reference also names Anders as the father of two "uægte" children, Ludvig<sup>3</sup> and Johannes<sup>4</sup>, born 1862 and 1865. Apparently there was a marriage shortly afterward, as Anders Larsen Koppang and Marit Johannesdatter were parents to a son, Laurits<sup>5</sup>, born "ægte" in 1866.

The origin of the name "Hagen" is a mystery. There are two Hagen places in modern Hedmark, one a school and one a station. These are just north of Hamar. Perhaps, long ago, there was a Hagen farm in that area.

In the 1865 census<sup>6</sup> of Hedmark, Norway, there is an Anders Larsen, born 1839 in Ringsaker, listed as a day laborer on the Negaard farm in Åmot.

In the 1875 census<sup>7</sup> of Kerkhoven Township, Swift County, there is Anders Larson (age 36), Maren (age blurred), Lauris (8), Ole (2). Only Ole was born in MN.

In the 1880 census of Hayes Township, Swift County, there is an Anders Hagen (age 41). Also in the household are: wife Maren (37) and sons Ludvig (17), Laurits (6), and Ole J. (7). Ole was born in Minnesota, the others in Norway. (Likely, Laurits' age is incorrect.)

In the 1885 census of Swift County: A.L. Hagen (age 46), Mari (43), Ole (12) and Gorman Peterson (21). Ludvig Hagen (22) was living in another household in Hayes Township

In the 1910 census of the same locale, we have Andrew L. Hagen (age 73), wife Marne (67) and son Ole J. (37). Andrew immigrated in 1867, Marne in 1872. They were married 38 years earlier. She reported 1 child, still living.

According to the 1910 census, "Andrew" L. Hagen emigrated to Minnesota in 1867, "Maren" in 1872. That census also states that they had been married for 38 years, possibly conflicting with Norwegian records<sup>8</sup>. The census states that Maren was the mother of one, still living, that being Ole J. (This conflicts with the Norwegian record naming Marit (Maren) as the mother of Laurits. It is possible that they are not the same person.)

Anders' children were:

1. Ludvig, born 23 Sep 1863 in Norway. Mother: Gømmer Larsdatter Tretningen. Ludvig immigrated Minnesota in 1879 and married Selma. These two lived in Hayes Township, Swift County, and raised seven children.
2. Johannes, born 1 Oct 1865 in Norway. Mother: Oline Johannesdatter Skjerpingeie. His fate is not known.
3. Laurits, born 26 Sep 1866 in Norway. Mother: Marit Johannesdatter. Laurits immigrated to Minnesota and reportedly married Thea O. Negaard. He died in 1899 with no known children.
4. Ole, born<sup>9</sup> 6 October 1872. Mother: likely Maren. According to the 1920 census, Ole, age 47, is single and living with his 83 year old father, A.L. Hagen. There is a grave marker for Ole J. Hagen at the Monson Lake Cemetery in Swift County; the dates are "unknown – 21 Dec 1940."

Anders and Maren are interred at the Monson Lake Cemetery in Swift County, Minnesota. Their markers read (Anders birth year is obviously in error):

Anders Larsen "Andrew" Hagen,  
4 Feb 1837 – 8 Jan 1921.

Maren Stenbakken Hagen,  
11 Jun 1843 – 4 Jun 1913

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- 1 <https://media.digitalarkivet.no/view/6013/10>. Oddly, the father's first name was not written in this record. Other records, including the gravestone, say the birth year is 1837.
  - 2 *Brøttumsbøkene : lokalhistorie, slekts- og eiendomshistorie for Brøttum*, page 692. Thanks to gr-grandson DuWayne Hagen for sharing this information.
  - 3 See also <https://media.digitalarkivet.no/view/8844/22>
  - 4 See also <https://media.digitalarkivet.no/view/8844/47>
  - 5 <https://media.digitalarkivet.no/view/8901/40>
  - 6 Located and viewed at [https://www.rhd.uit.no/folketellinger/folketellinger\\_avansert\\_e.aspx](https://www.rhd.uit.no/folketellinger/folketellinger_avansert_e.aspx)
  - 7 All US census data discovered and viewed via Ancestry.com
  - 8 As already mentioned, Norwegian records indicate a marriage in about 1865. There are many date conflicts in this family's records.
  - 9 WW I Registration Card, viewed on Ancestry.com